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OSWALD A. DRICA-MINIERIS

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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 465]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 465) for the relief of Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

On lines 7 and 8 strike the words "he last entered the United States" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of the enactment of this Act".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Oswald A. Drica-Minieris. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Turkey on January 8, 1924, of Greek parents and is a citizen of Greece. He last entered the United States as a student on December 12, 1947, to attend the Louisiana State University. He is a mechanical engineer, and is presently attached as research assistant in the engineering experiment station at Louisiana State University where his services are stated to be outstanding.

A letter dated September 19, 1951, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Acting Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

SEPTEMBER 19, 1951.

Hon. PAT MCCARRAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 465) for the relief of Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, an alien.

The bill would direct the Attorney General to record the lawful admission for permanent residence in the United States of Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, as of the date of his last entry into the United States, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. It would further direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate immigration quota.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Oswald A. Drica-Minieris was born in Istanbul, Turkey, on January 8, 1924, of Greek parents. He derived Greek citizenship through his father and is of the Greek race. He entered the United States on December 12, 1947, at the port of New York, and was admitted under section 4 (e) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as a student for the purpose of attending Louisiana State University. He received extensions of his temporary admission until March 4, 1951. The alien's last extension of his temporary stay has expired and he is unlawfully in the United States at this time.

The files further reflect that Mr. Drica-Minieris graduated from the mechanical engineering department of Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey, during 1947, with a degree of bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. It appears that the alien completed his master's degree in mechanical engineering at the Louisiana State University and is at present doing research work in the engineering experiment station at the university for his doctor's degree on a fellowship which pays him $180 a month. Mr. Drica-Minieris stated that if he is not permitted to remain in this country, it is his intention to proceed to South America and obtain employment there as an engineer.

The quota for Turkey, to which the alien is chargeable, is oversubscribed and a quota immigration visa is not readily obtainable. His case is similar to those of many other aliens who desire to enter the United States for permanent residence but are not able to do so, because of the oversubscribed conditions of the quotas to which they are chargeable. The record fails to present any facts which would warrant granting him a preference over other nationals of Turkey who are awaiting issuance of immigration visas. To enact this bill would encourage other aliens to enter the United States in a temporary status and then endeavor to adjust their status to permanent residence.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

WM. AMORY UNDERHILL,
Acting Deputy Attorney General.

Senator Russell B. Long, the author of the bill, has submitted a number of letters and documents in support of the bill among which are the following:

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, who, after being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say:

That he was born on January 8, 1924, in Istanbul, Turkey; that he is a Greek citizen and a member of the Roman Catholic Church; that he is not now, nor has he ever been, a Turkish citizen, because at the time of his birth the law by which children born in Turkey assume the citizenship of that country was not in existence, said law having been passed several years after affiant's birth; that, therefore, affiant acquired his citizenship from his father, Jean Umberto Drica-Minieris, who is a Greek citizen and was such at the time of affiant's birth; that his mother, Mrs. Louise Marie Schubert Drica-Minieris, was Austrian-born, but became a Greek citizen by marriage; that the affiant, in September 1932, entered the German Lycee of Istanbul from which he graduated in July 1943; that, in Sep-

tember 1944, he enrolled as a sophomore in Robert College, Engineering School of Istanbul, Turkey, from which he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1947, and that, having received his acceptance from Louisiana State University in March 1947, he proceeded to take necessary steps, immediately after graduation, to obtain his entrance visa for the United States of America, as a student; that he succeeded in November of the same year in obtaining transportation to this country; that he landed in New York on December 12, 1947, and that he has never been a member of the Communist Party or a sympathizer of said organization; that he requests a change in status in order to pursue his work as research assistant in the engineering experiment station to a greater extent.

OSWALD A. DRICA-MINIERIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Baton Rouge, Parish and State aforesaid, on this 14th day of November 1950.

[SEAL] J. H. GUGET, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, who, after being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say:

That he arrived in New York on December 12, 1947; that he enrolled in Louisiana State University in February 1948 where he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering in June 1950; that, in the summer of 1948, he worked as a field assistant in the United States Geological Survey (Ground Water Division); that, during the regular semester of fall 1948, and spring 1949, he had taught, as a graduate assistant, a junior course in mechanical engineering and during the summer term of 1949, was assistant instructor for a laboratory course in mechanical engineering and that, since August 1949, he has been the research assistant for the engineering experiment station of Louisiana State University.

OSWALD A. DRICA-MINIERIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Baton Rouge, parish and State aforesaid, on this 14th day of November 1950.

J. H. GUGET,
Notary Public.

CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER,
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Baton Rouge, La., September 21, 1950.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Oswald Minieris for the past 2 years as a student at Louisiana State University and that I believe him to be a person of good character.

I understand that he is interested in obtaining some permanent status as a resident of the United States. In this connection I would be glad to certify that I believe him to be a worthy candidate for such status, that he is a trustworthy, reliable and valuable contributor to the life of the community and that, I am sure, he is also one who would make a loyal citizen. I am quite sure that he has never been connected with any group with the slightest tendency to subversive activities and that his sympathies are entirely with the ideals of democracy which we cherish.

RT. REV. MSGR. ROBERT E. TRACY,
Chaplain.

NOVEMBER 7, 1950.

Hon. FRED ODOM,
Louisiana National Bank Building,
Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR SIR: Mr. Oswald Drica-Minieris has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for him. This, I am very happy to do, since he is the type of person which we should welcome to citizenship in this Nation.

I have known him since February 1949, and have acted as supervisor of his thesis research. This research was of such excellence that he was appointed

research assistant in the engineering experiment station, while he pursues postgraduate studies in mechanical engineering. As director of the engineering experiment station, I am in constant contact with Mr. Minieris and my appreciation of his character and civic sincerity continues to increase. A change in status, to permit him to apply for American citizenship, will assist his work for the engineering experiment station.

This Nation needs more citizens having the character and ability of Mr. Minieris and I can recommend him without any hesitation.

Yours very truly,

LUIS H. BARTLETT,
Director, Engineering Experiment Station.

OCTOBER 2, 1950.

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that Mr. O. A. Drica Minieris is applying for citizenship papers and I am glad to give the following information about him. He graduated from Robert College at Istanbul, Turkey, in June 1947, and was accepted as a college student in February 1948. He was appointed graduate assistant in mechanical engineering at the beginning of the session, 1948–49. He received the degree of master of science in mechanical engineering at the end of the session, 1948–49, and was appointed a research assistant in the engineering experiment station at Louisiana State University in September 1950, which position he now holds.

At each step in his appointments his record was carefully examined and we believe him to be the type of young man who has the necessary character and characteristics which should make him a good American citizen.

LEO JOS. LASSALLE,
Dean, College of Engineering.

The bill has been amended to conform with the policy of the committee in granting permanent residence in the United States to an alien as of the date of the adjustment rather than as of the date of last entry into the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 465), as amended, should be enacted.

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